



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 20, 2003

S. 504

American History and Civics Education Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
on May 14, 2003*

SUMMARY

S. 504 would establish three new grant programs within the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million over the 2004-2007 period, and CBO estimates that appropriation of the authorized levels would result in additional outlays of \$100 million over the 2004-2008 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 504 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 504 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services). The estimate assumes that outlays will follow historical spending rates for similar competitive grant programs.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics					
Authorization Level	7	7	7	7	0
Estimated Outlays	3	7	7	7	4
Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics					
Authorization Level	14	14	14	14	0
Estimated Outlays	6	14	14	14	8
National Alliance of Teachers of American History and Civics					
Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	0
Estimated Outlays	2	4	4	4	2
Total Authorizations under S. 504					
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	0
Estimated Outlays	10	25	25	25	15

NOTE: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

S. 504 would create three new American history and civics grant programs and authorize funding of \$25 million a year for the next four years. If the authorized amount is appropriated for each year, outlays would increase by \$10 million in 2004, and by \$100 million over the 2004-2008 period.

Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics

S. 504 would authorize the appropriation of \$7 million in each fiscal year from 2004 through 2007 for a new competitive grant program for nonprofit educational institutions to establish Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics. The academies would offer summer workshops for elementary and secondary school teachers of American history and civics to strengthen their knowledge and preparation for teaching these subjects.

Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics

The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$14 million a year through 2007 for a new competitive grant program for nonprofit educational institutions to establish Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics. These academies would offer summer workshops for outstanding students of American history and civics to broaden their understanding of these subjects.

National Alliance of Teachers of American History and Civics

S. 504 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million a year through 2007 and would direct the Chairperson of the NEH to award a grant to an organization for the creation of a national alliance of elementary and secondary school teachers of American history and civics. The purpose of the national alliance would be to facilitate the sharing of ideas among teachers of American history and civics and encourage best practices in teaching through a national Web site, seminars, and other activities.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 504 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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